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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2004.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/773,749.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dorner et al. (DE 4414820 cited by Applicant).

Regarding claim 1, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses a hood-shaped cover (figure 2) comprising a device-proximal bottom side (figure 2) and a device-distal side (figure 2), and a cable guide 11 such that a plug-in connector (figure 2) of the connecting cable 6 is connectable to the electronic device (figure 2), said cable guide 11 including in the device-proximal bottom side (figure 2) an opening 10 which is configured to extend helically toward the device-distal side (figure 2) into a passageway 7 and terminates in a cable outlet disposed tangentially to the device-distal side (figure 2).

Regarding claim 2, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses a lid closure (figure 2).

Regarding claim 3, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the cable outlet (figure 2) is constructed so as to be tight and strain-relieved.

Regarding claim 4, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the lid closure (figure 2) is constructed as clamp element (figure 2).

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Regarding claim 5, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the lid closure (figure 2) and the cover (figure 2) have aligned bores.

Regarding claim 6, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the cover includes a shield (figure 2) which extends above the opening 10.

Regarding claim 7, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the shield (figure 2) has an attachment member (figure 2).

Regarding claim 8, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the shield (figure 2) has a recessed end surface (figure 2) in proximity of the cable outlet (figure 2) to define said passageway 7.

Regarding claim 9, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the cable outlet (figure 2) is constructed in the form of a tray.

Regarding claim 10, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses a cover (figure 2) and a flexible electrical cable 6 secured to the electronic device (figure 2) and the cover (figure 2), said cover (figure 2) including a hood-shaped cover portion (figure 2) constructed and formed with a cutout having a device-proximal bottom area (figure 2) and a device-distal upper area (figure 2), and a cable guide 11 disposed in the area of the cutout (figure 2), said cable guide 11 including an opening 10 disposed in the device-proximal bottom area (figure 2) and extended by a curved slot 7 and a cable outlet (figure 2) disposed in the device-distal area (figure 2) in proximity of the slot 7.

Regarding claim 11, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the cover (figure 2) includes a lid closure (figure 2).

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Regarding claim 12, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the lid closure (figure 2) is constructed as clamp element.

Regarding claim 13, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the lid closure (figure 2) and the cover portion (figure 2) have aligned bores (figure 2).

Regarding claim 14, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the cover (figure 2) includes a shield (figure 2) which extends substantially above the slot 7 of the opening 10.

Regarding claim 15, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the shield (figure 2) has an attachment member (figure 2).

Regarding claim 16, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the shield (figure 2) has a recessed end surface (figure 2) in proximity of the cable outlet (figure 2) to define a passageway 7.

Regarding claim ¹⁷~~16~~, Dorner et al. (col. 3, lines 1-57) discloses that the cable outlet (figure ^{PR 6/27/05} 2) is constructed in the form of a tray.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anton B Harris whose telephone number is (571) 272-1976. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Dean Reichard, can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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